



# UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

United States Patent and Trademark Office

Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
10/505,307	06/13/2005	Hitoshi Ishiwatari	34781/US (466570-6)	6017
75149 7590 11/18/2009				
Dorsey & Whitney LLP				
Intellectual Property Department - SF				
Columbia Center				
701 Fifth Avenue, Suite 6100				
Seattle, WA 98101-7043				
EXAMINER				
HUYNH, LOUIS K				
ART UNIT		PAPER NUMBER		
3721				
MAIL DATE		DELIVERY MODE		
11/18/2009		PAPER		

**Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.**

The time period for reply, if any, is set in the attached communication.

<b>Response to Rule 312 Communication</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>
	10/505,307	ISHIWATARI ET AL.
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>
	Louis K. Huynh	3721

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

1. ☒ The amendment filed on 09 November 2009 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

- a) ☐ entered.
- b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.
- c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.  
Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.
- d) ☒ disapproved. See explanation below.
- e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

The amendment filed on 11/09/2009 is consistent with the Examiner's Amendment mailed on 08/07/2009 in that the third occurrence of the word "the" on line 21 of claim 10 in the amendment filed on 06/17/2009 has been deleted.

Therefore, the amendment filed on 11/09/2009 will not be entered in order to avoid confusion during the printing process.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Louis K. Huynh whose telephone number is 571-272-4462. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 8:00AM to 3:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rinaldi I. Rada can be reached on 571-272-4467. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

/Louis K. Huynh/  
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3721

/Rinaldi I Rada/  
Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 3721